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The attached letter from Senator Symington gives some indication of the scope of his Subcommittee's interest in questions which may affect the Agency. The issues raised by this letter, and by the request of Roy Banner (General Counsel, NSA) for guidance as to how he should field questions on COMINT involvements abroad will probably call for a session with the Director in the next few days. I will raise this with him and let you know the results.

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Honorable Richard Helms
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Dear Mr. Helms:

The Subcommittee on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee plans to hold a series of hearings in executive session on our relations with various other countries. These hearings will be on a country-by-country basis.

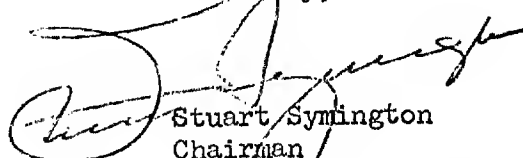
The first hearings in which we would like the appearance of a witness from the Central Intelligence Agency are planned for the week beginning October 13 and will focus on Laos.

In these hearings effort will be made to build a detailed record of the security understandings, military forces, facilities and programs with foreign governments that have been labelled commitments; and in the case of Laos the relationship of the CIA to same. To that end we would appreciate the testimony of Mr.

In every case, we would hope that much of the basic factual information would be contained in a prepared statement presented by each witness.

The two Subcommittee staff members, Messrs. Walter Pincus and Roland Paul will be available throughout the hearings to handle any questions you may have as to details.

Sincerely,



Stuart Symington
Chairman
Subcommittee on United States Security
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